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## Weatherizing Pipes Before Cold Weather Arrives Can Prevent a Costly Leak

When a pipe freezes and breaks, it can cost you more than just the cost of a plumber. You may have to go without water for a while until the leak is repaired. You will probably find an unpleasant surprise on your next water bill. On top of all that, if no one is at home when the pipe thaws, you could face the huge cost and inconvenience of repairing your home and replacing belongings.

To avoid such problems, please take steps to protect your pipes before Old Man Winter arrives.

- ❖ If possible, close indoor valves that supply water to spigots outside. Then open the outside taps to drain as much water as possible. Leave the outside tap open to allow any remaining water in the pipe can expand when it freezes without breaking the pipe.
- ❖ Remove, drain, and carefully store hoses used outside.
- ❖ Check your home for water lines in unheated areas such as an attic, crawl space, basement, garage, or cabinets. Insulate pipes in these areas with tape and other insulation material available at hardware stores and home improvement warehouses.

Follow manufacturers' recommendations for installing and using insulation products.

- Finally, take additional precautions when freezing weather does arrive.
- ❖ Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors so warmer air can circulate around your plumbing. Just make sure you place any harmful cleaners and household chemicals out of the reach of children.
- ❖ During periods of extreme cold, let a minimal amount of cold water drip from a faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe, even at a trickle, helps prevent frozen pipes.
- ❖ Keep your thermostat set to the same temperature day and night during extremely cold weather.
- ❖ Set your thermostat no lower than 55 degrees Fahrenheit if you will be away during the winter months. Or have someone you trust check your home regularly and adjust the thermostat as needed.

To learn more about preventing leaks and frozen pipes, please call Marietta Water at (770) 794-5230. ⚡

## *Santa on the Square* Kicks Off Delightful Holiday Season Events in Merry Marietta

Marietta Parks and Recreation and the Marietta Business Association invite you to kick off your holiday festivities at Glover Park on Marietta Square on the first weekend in December.

The fun gets under way with the city's traditional Tree Lighting Ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 4. The Walker Lower School Chorus will perform at 5 p.m., followed by Santa's arrival at 5:20 p.m. Pine Forrest Rockin' Rangers will take the stage at

5:45 p.m. and warm up the crowd for the Tree Lighting sponsored by Big John's Christmas Trees at 7 p.m.

The entertainment continues with the Park Street Elementary School's Performing Panthers at 6:10 p.m., the Keheley Cougar Chorus at 6:30 p.m., the West Side Singing Stingers at 6:50 p.m., Victory Academy at 7:10 p.m., and the Kell High

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# Marietta... Where It's Good to Be Home

Why are so many people glad they call Marietta home? Here are just a few new reasons during 2003...

- ♦ Marietta Square named Georgia Magazine's 2003 Readers' Choice Award for "Favorite Antique Shops"
- ♦ Marietta's Economic Development Department captured an international marketing award from the International Economic Development Council
- ♦ City of Marietta, Marietta Welcome Center and Cobb Convention and Visitors Bureau won a national award from the City-County Communications and Marketing Association (3CMA) for its opening of the Gone With the Wind Museum.
- ♦ Marietta Water's Kim Holland received the "Emerging Leader Award" from the Georgia Water and Pollution Control and Marietta Water received Certificate of Achievement for the Consumer Confidence Report
- ♦ Marietta Power Linemen garnered several awards in the annual Lineman Rodeo including "First Place Overall in Combined Competitions"
- ♦ Marietta's Planning & Zoning Department received the "Outstanding Plan Document" from the Georgia Planning Association for their entry of the "Powder Springs Street Master Plan," a long-range plan to redevelop the Powder Springs Street corridor relevant to land use, transportation, and economic development.



- ♦ Distinguished Budget Presentation Award and Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting presented by Government Finance Officers Association (GOFA) to Marietta's Budget Department
- ♦ Curtis McClung Award of Excellence presented by the Georgia Association of Chiefs (GACP) to the Marietta Police Department.
- ♦ Community Policing Award was presented to the Marietta Police Department for their M-STAR program
- ♦ Marietta Police Chief Bobby Moody received was honored with an Outstanding Contribution to the Profession Award by the Governor's Public Safety Awards (GPSA)
- ♦ The Marietta Pilgrimage was named Top Twenty Event for December by the Southeast Tourism Society and "Taste of Marietta" was given a Best Ideas Award by the Georgia Convention & Visitors' Bureau

Marietta... aren't you glad it's your hometown? 

## Holiday Events in Merry-etta

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School Chorus at 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Dec. 6, you can treat yourself to a visit to Santa's Open House. Cumberland Christian Academy's Patriotic Voices will perform in Glover Park at 11:30 a.m., followed by The Marietta Master Choral at noon. Hollydale Elementary School Chorus will take the stage at 12:30 p.m., followed by Mt. Paran Christian School Band at 1 p.m., Young Artists for a Better World at 1:30 p.m., Prima Ballet School & Co. at 2 p.m., The Dancers Workshop at 2:30 p.m., and the Cobb Community Dance Theatre & Showbiz Kids & Dance Co. at 3 p.m.

Santa's Workshop will welcome visitors on December 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24. The workshop will open from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on weekdays and Saturdays, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. on

Sundays, and 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

To make your holiday season even more enchanting, enjoy candlelight shopping on Marietta Square every weekend. The businesses on the square will offer special treats and shopping incentives each Friday and Saturday until 9 p.m. The quaint shops full of seasonal delights and the twinkling lights of Glover Park will fill you with the holiday spirit. You can even treat yourself to a free carriage ride (weather permitting) from 1:30 - 4 p.m. every Sunday during December.

So experience the season in Olde Merry-etta during this year's special holiday events. For information, please call Marietta Parks and Recreation at (770) 794-5601 or the Marietta Welcome Center at (770) 429-1115. 

## Calendar of Events

### Now - January 4, 2004

#### *The 1940's Radio Hour*

By Walton Jones  
Theatre in the Square  
Forties music, songs, dancing,  
old-time sound.  
Call (770) 422-8369 for more  
information

### Now - January 5, 2004

#### *Sanders Family Christmas*

By Alan Bailey and Constance Ray  
Theatre in the Square Alley Stage  
Call (770) 422-8369 for more  
information

### December 20 - 21

#### *Santa House*

Glover Park  
Come visit Santa on the square this  
holiday season  
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information